# How to Be Successful in the Christian Life

**Hebrews 12:1-2** 

## Look Around at The Winners!

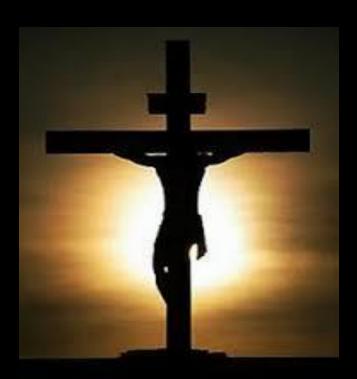
- Heroes of Faith in Hebrews 11
- Family problems Joseph
- Job too BIG Moses
- Tempted to Retaliate David
- Patience Peter
- Important to know these biblical characters

## Look at Yourself!

- Athlete use weights to train.
- They take them off when it is time to perform.
- Too much weight will hinder our endurance.
- What weighs us down?
- Does it Help us RUN?

# Look at Jesus!

• Jesus endured more than anyone.





## Look at Jesus!

- Jesus endured more than anyone.
- What enabled Him to endure the cross?
  - The Joy that was set before Him
  - He looked to the future.
- Remember the example of Peter in Matthew 14:22-33.

## Wisdom from Paul

• "12 Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. 13 Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, 14 I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." (Phil. 3:12-14)

## Wisdom from Paul

"7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. <sup>8</sup> Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing." 2 Timothy 4:7-8